

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Re: Sewer Smoke Testing of Areas #8, #9, #10, & #11

Smoke Testing in Select Areas in Town Starts July 30

Last series of sanitary sewer system testing concludes Aug. 31

In order to improve sewer service, on behalf of the Town of Arlington, Weston & Sampson will be conducting the last session of their continuing smoke testing of the Town's sanitary sewer system starting July 30th (notifications by flyer begin July 27). Testing will be conducted Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Completion of smoke testing is estimated for August 31st, weather permitting. A project map may be viewed on the Town's website at www.arlingtonma.gov/projects.

The inspection is being conducted as part of Arlington's Annual Sewer System Investigation and Repair Program. The purpose of smoke testing is to locate sources of rainwater entering the sanitary sewer. By removing this extra flow, Arlington will reduce the amount of wastewater it sends to the MWRA, thereby reducing MWRA flow related charges and sewer surcharging in these areas. This inspection is the third and final of the smoke testing series.

During the test, white smoke is introduced to the sanitary sewer system via a smoke-generating machine. During this procedure, white smoke will be venting from holes in manhole covers located in the street and from plumbing vent pipes located on or near your roof surface. THIS IS NORMAL AND SHOULD NOT CAUSE ALARM.

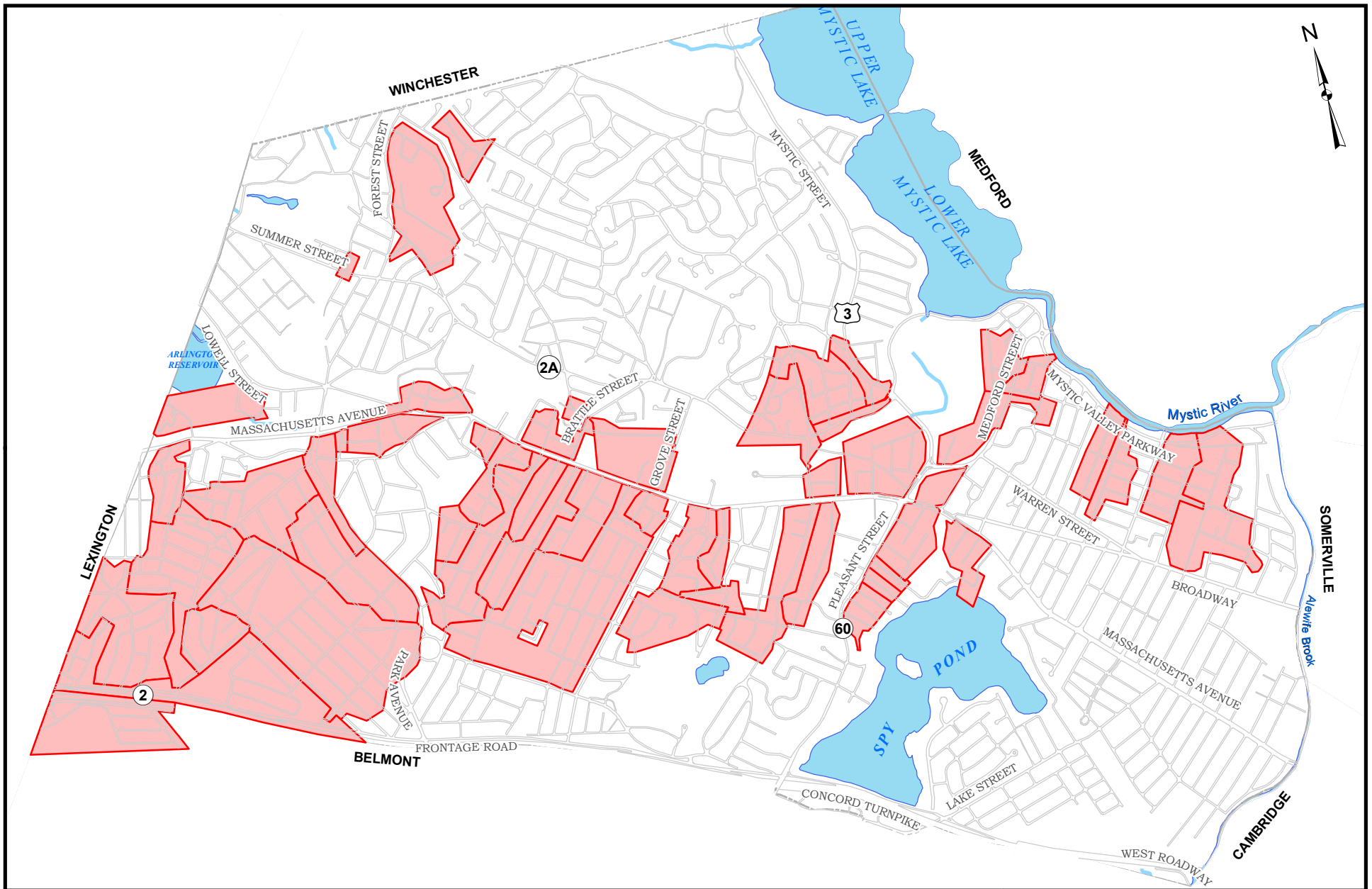
Smoke should not enter your premises unless there is either a dry trap in an unused fixture or a plumbing defect. You may wish to pour two gallons of water down your basement floor drain or unused plumbing fixture to ensure that the drain trap will be effective.

Should smoke from this testing be detected within your building, do not be alarmed. The smoke is NON-TOXIC, NON-STAINING, and dissipates quickly through open windows. IF YOU HAVE A LUNG AILMENT or RESPIRATORY CONDITION SUCH AS ASTHMA OR EMPHYSEMA, STAY AWAY FROM THE SMOKE. Any smoke within a building should be reported to the persons conducting the tests.

Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. company vehicles are Ford vans and pick-up trucks with the company name on the sides. Personnel will be wearing safety vests and shirts with Weston & Sampson markings and will be carrying a Weston & Sampson ID card.

Fire department personnel will accompany Weston & Sampson throughout the project. A firefighter will be on site while smoke testing is performed.

Any questions should be directed to Weston & Sampson at **(781)-443-7463**. Leave a message including your name, address, and telephone number and your call will be promptly returned.



 **SEWER INVESTIGATION AREAS
TO BE SMOKE TESTED**

FIGURE 1
TOWN OF ARLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
AREA #8, 9, 10, AND 11 SEWER SMOKE TESTING AREAS

LOCUS MAP

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